

Thursday, April 20, 2000

## Launch countdown for mission STS-101 begins 7 p.m Friday



## NASA/KSC to honor its administrative professionals at buffet breakfast April 26



▲ **Mission Update:** The STS-101 crew is flying into KSC on Friday, April 21, about 3 p.m. Launch countdown begins at 7 p.m. Friday. Lift-off on April 24 is targeted for about 4:15 p.m. This mission is the third flight to the International Space Station; the 98st Shuttle flight overall; the

21st flight of Atlantis. Among the crew, two are making their first flights on the Shuttle: Mission Specialists Jeffrey Williams and Yuri Usachev of Russia. Commander James Halsell is the most experienced with this his fifth flight; Mission Specialists James Voss and Susan Helms are making their fourth flight; Pilot Scott Horowitz his third, and Mission Specialist Mary Ellen Weber her second.

▲ **Administrative Professionals' Week:** On Wednesday, April 26, in honor of Administrative Professionals' Week, the NASA Executive Secretarial Council will host an "Administrative Professionals Breakfast." All NASA/KSC secretaries, clerical personnel, and their bosses are invited. The buffet breakfast will be held from 8:30-10 a.m., in the O&C Mission Briefing Room. Following breakfast is guest motivational speaker Marilyn Sherman, author of "Whose Comfort Zone Are You In?" Points of contact for tickets are *Diane Carillion* – SSPF/3006, 867-6565; *Mary Conklin* – O&C/2046, 867-4545; *Sue Gross* – HQ/2103, 867-4343; *Maxie Johnson* – HQ/3480, 867-8794; *Penny Myers* – HQ/4th Floor, 867-2386; *Beth Smith* – HQ/2625, 867-7246.

◆ **The first Space Congress of the new millennium** will feature programs for space enthusiasts of all ages. Panel and technical paper sessions will focus on the past, present and future of space flight. This 37th Space Congress is

being held May 2-5 at the Radisson in Cape Canaveral. On Tuesday, May 2, the keynote address will be given by Lou Dobbs, who created the online organization Space.Com. The Tuesday evening banquet will feature Andy Allen, director of Space Shuttle Development, United Space Alliance. The luncheon speakers are Sea Launch's Bo Bejmuk on Wednesday, May 3, and Wolfgang Demisch, who will give the "Wall Street Perspective" on Aerospace, on Thursday, May 4. Tickets are still available for programs and social events. For a complete program, please go to **[www.spacecongress.org](http://www.spacecongress.org)**. For more information, please contact Jane Mosconi at 861-5367.

◆ **Update:** The next Society of Women Engineers Meeting is being held Wednesday, April 26, at the Mediterranean Grill, U.S. 1, Cocoa. For reservations -- required by Saturday, April 22 -- contact Kam Kersey at **867-5287/452-0530**, or send an e-mail to [kam.kersey@swe.org](mailto:kam.kersey@swe.org).

◆ **Speakers Needed for Career Days:** Indialantic Elementary, April 26, from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m., is looking for speakers to talk to 5th and 6th grade students about their careers. Volunteers would present twice, for 30 minutes each presentation. Assistance and handout materials are available. Please contact Denise Coleman at 867-4444 or send an e-mail to [denise.coleman-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:denise.coleman-1@ksc.nasa.gov) if interested.

◆ **Did You Know?** Microlasers were developed on a NASA concept for optical communications over interplanetary distances. They emit narrow, intense beams of light or other radiation. Commercially their current applications include medical instrumentation and therapy, color separation equipment, telecommunications, and R&D uses.

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